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INTRODUCTION

This is the twentieth annual edition of Financial Assistance Programs for Nova Scotia Municipalities. The Department of Municipal Affairs produces this booklet to provide current information on the financial assistance available to the 66 municipalities in Nova Scotia.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the various departments, boards, commissions and other government agencies who have provided information respecting their individual programs. The grant programs reported in this booklet are effective for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990.

Any inquiries relating to the various types of assistance should be directed to the department concerned and specifically to the contact person indicated.

We would appreciate any suggestions or comments regarding the contents and usefulness of this publication.

Gordon Gillis
Deputy Minister

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING

WEED CONTROL

Under the provisions of the Weed Control Act, Chapter 336 of the Revised Statutes, 1967, each municipal unit is required to appoint a weed inspector. The inspector's function is to discover and arrange for the destruction of weeds or weed seeds designated noxious under the Act and Regulations.

The Department of Agriculture and Marketing pays one-half of the salary and expenses of municipal weed inspectors. There is also provision made for financial assistance in the control and maintenance of control of a number of noxious weeds.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

In Halifax, the Province makes a contribution to the Court House Commission at the rate of one-third of operating costs for facilities used by the whole Province, such as the Supreme Court, Appeal Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The cost of services to children in care and custody of a children's services agency or the Minister of Community Services is apportioned as follows:

The total cost of supervision of children in care and custody is born by the Province. These costs are determined each year by the Minister of Community Services.

Local municipal governments share 50% in the cost of maintenance of children in care and custody in foster homes with the Province bearing the remaining 50%. The current shareable daily rate for wards in foster homes is $11.12 for children under 10 years of age and $14.90 for children 10 years of age and older. Maintenance of children in care and custody who are children of unmarried mothers, is assumed in full by the Province as defined in the Children's Services Act.

To assist in defraying the cost of workers' salaries and travelling expenses for the provision of protection services, each municipal unit, through legislation, pays annually 46 cents per capita based on the last census to a society having jurisdiction within the municipal unit concerned, with a like amount being paid to the Department of Community Services if the department is providing the service. The Province pays to children's services agencies the major funds required for protection services. Additional funds are obtained from voluntary contributions, financial campaigns and The United Way.

All services to mentally handicapped children, which include Foster Home Care for handicapped children, the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre and four Children's Training Centres for severely handicapped children, are financed entirely by the Province.

The cost of maintenance of children in child caring facilities is determined by the Department of Community Services.

The cost of Young Offender Services (12-15 years inclusive) is primarily assumed by the Province, with cost-sharing from the Government of Canada. These services include the operation of the Family Court, the salaries and expenses of Judges, probation services including placement in facilities on probation, alternative measures programs, and the operation of custody facilities.

DAY CARE SERVICES

Municipalities are authorized to provide day care services by virtue of Section 12(1) of the Day Care Act if so authorized by the Minister of Community Services. Financial assistance in the operation of day care services is governed by Section 12(4) of the Act. The Act reads as follows:

"12(1) With the approval of the Minister, a municipal unit or two or more municipal units that enter an agreement may, directly or through an agent, erect, acquire, purchase, lease, alter, add to, improve, furnish and equip a building or part of a building as a facility and may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire lend therefore and may operate and maintain a facility.

12(4) The sums required by a municipal unit for the establishment or operation of a facility shall be sums required for the ordinary lawful purposes of the municipal unit and shall be raised, levied and collected in the same manner and in all respects as other sums required for the ordinary lawful purpose of the municipal unit are raised, levied and collected."

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COORDINATED HOME CARE PROGRAM

A Coordinated Home Care Program for Nova Scotians was announced in June 1987. The administration of this program would be the responsibility of the Department of Community Services reporting to a new Home Care Coordinating Agency comprising the Ministers of Community Services, Health and Fitness, Housing, Municipal Affairs and other Ministers as necessary. The Home Care Coordinating Agency is Chaired by the Minister of Community Services with a Home Care staff reporting to his Deputy Minister comprising:

(a) Provincial Home Care Coordinator
(b) Assistant Provincial Home Care Coordinator
(c) Director of Homemaker Services
(d) Seven Regional Home Care Coordinators
(e) Administrative Support Staff

The Home Care Program addresses the coordinated delivery of a range of Health, Housing and Social Services to meet the needs of persons who require assistance or support in order to remain at home, or whose functioning without Coordinated Home Care is likely to deteriorate, making it impossible for the person stay in their own home and community.

The following characteristics are peculiar to the new Coordinated Home Care Program notwithstanding the top priority that is given to the coordination of existing services throughout the Province:

(a) **Single Entry Point** - designated Homemaker Agencies have been selected to be the access or entry point for Coordinated Home Care throughout the Province. Each of these Agencies have a toll free telephone number.

(b) **Target Populations** for Assessment and/or Admission to the Coordinated Home Care Program are senior citizens, disabled individuals and families at risk.

(c) **A Multidisciplinary Assessment** is utilized for all applicants of Coordinated Home Care Services which is critical to the decisions that are made for care arrangements and who will perform what service as well as take responsibility for supervision and case management.

(d) **Nursing Care Services** determined through the assessment will be provided free of charge.

(e) **Homemaker Services** will continue to use an income test for the services deemed necessary through the assessment.

(f) **Volunteer Services** are considered to be an important and integral part of Coordinated Home Care. It will be vigorously promoted and developed so that there is an appropriate complementarity between them and homemaker and home nursing care services.

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HOMES FOR SPECIAL CARE OPERATING COSTS

Homes for Special Care include Homes for the Aged, Nursing Homes, Adult Residential Centres, Group Homes/Developmental Residences, Residential Care Facilities and Regional Rehabilitation Centres.

The Province prescribes standards for these Homes through licensing and program consultation.

Homes for Special Care charge their residents on a per diem rate basis.

Residents of Homes for Special Care are primarily responsible for the costs.

Municipalities are responsible to provide assistance to residents without sufficient financial resources, i.e. publicly-supported residents.

The cost to municipalities in providing financial assistance on behalf of publicly-supported residents is reimbursed at a rate of 66 2/3 percent, within the global provincial budget for Homes for Special Care. This applies to all Homes for Special Care except Regional Rehabilitation Centres where the Province provides 100 percent cost-sharing.

CONSTRUCTION HOMES FOR SPECIAL CARE

Capital costs for construction are amortized and the resulting mortgage payments are included in the per diem rate of public, and private non-profit Homes. These Homes are eligible for a Provincial/Federal mortgage interest subsidy. This subsidy, provided by the Nova Scotia Department of Housing through an agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing, provides a subsidy directly to the Home in an amount equal to the difference of the actual mortgage interest cost as what that cost would be at two percent; effectively providing a 35-year mortgage at two percent.

Homes operated as a private, profit enterprises, include mortgage interest and depreciation in the calculation of their per diem rate.

Public and private, non-profit Homes approved by the Minister of Community Services, also receive a grant of $1,250 per bed from the Provincial Department of Community Services.

MUNICIPAL SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Province reimburses each municipal unit for the maintenance payments issued to municipal assistance recipients. The reimbursement is made to municipal units with organized social service departments at a minimum rate of 75 percent. Some municipalities may receive more, depending on their financial ability to provide the program. In units where there is not an organized social service department, cost-sharing is 66 2/3 percent.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL BOARDS

The Province provides school board with both Global and Non-Global funding. Unspent Global funds can be retained by district school boards. Unspent Non-Global funds are returned to the Department after school board audits have been completed.

Funds are provided on a student unit basis. The method of calculating student units is:

- the average number of students of the two immediately preceding years taken as of September 30th, or the most recent enrolment, whichever is higher. This is known as the funding enrolment.

- times the weighting factor:

Primary 6	= 1.00
7 - 12	= 1.20
Vocational	= 2.50
Intermediate Industrial	= 1.75
Business Education	= 2.50

This calculation is known as student units.

GLOBAL GRANTS

The General Formula Grant - Provincial assistance is provided by multiplying an annually calculated funding rate by a number of weighted student units, and deducting a calculated municipal contribution. Individual boards may be eligible for general formula adjustment factors.

The Property Service Grant - Assistance is calculated for each of three components:

(1) General Transportation is calculated by multiplying a given rate by the number of weighted student units multiplied in turn by school drawing area and density distribution factors.

(2) Capital Replacement is given rate multiplied by the number of school buses on regular daily routes;

(3) Debt Service Grant is a transitional measure to assist boards with debt which was acquired before the new funding system was introduced; calculated as principal and interest payments on debt outstanding as of September 1, 1982 less 25 percent of capital replacement grant calculated above.

The Provincial Supplementary Grant - Assistance is determined by the following:

(1) The requirement of the school board for supplementary funding, in excess of other funding provided, is determined.

(2) A provincial share of this funding is calculated.

(3) This Grant will be equal to the provincial share if the municipal units contribute their full share.

NON-GLOBAL GRANTS

The Adult Education Grant - Assistance is calculated as a pre-determined rate multiplied by the funding enrolment.

The Summer School Grant - Assistance is provided on a per student basis times a pre-determined rate.

The Special Education Grant - Provincial assistance is provided on a per count student basis as a predetermined rate.

The Driver Education Grant - Funding is provided as the lesser of:

(1) A given rate times the number of senior and vocational students, or

(2) Actual program expenditures less student fees charged in excess of a set rate. These expenditures are subject to audit by the Department of Education.

The Board of Students Grant - Assistance is calculated at a given rate, per boarded student per day

CAPITAL

The Province has assumed the entire financial responsibility for all approved capital expenditures on new school construction, major capital equipment and furniture, as well as all approved existing capital debt.

The Capital Equipment, Repair and Renovation Grant - The Province provides assistance for capital equipment, minor repairs and renovations to district school boards. This is calculated at a given percentage of the amount generated by the general formula calculated for each district school board.

OTHER GRANTS

- The province pays the entire cost of approved, major capital construction projects

- The Province also pays grants to cover the approved debt service costs on school buildings that were constructed before the new funding arrangements were implemented in 1981.

- In addition, $1,000,000 in capital grants is provided by the Province for emergency purposes approved by the Minister, and an additional $500,000 is designated to assist school boards in their asbestos removal programs.

- Grants for French special projects and minority language funding are provided by the Secretary of State, Canada and the Province, and are administered by the Department of Education.

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REGIONAL LIBRARY GRANT

The Province pays annual grants for regional library operation and branch library maintenance. Capital grants for branch library construction or renovations may also be available.

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MUSEUMS AND EXHIBIT CENTRES

The Nova Scotia Museum maintains a program of financial, advisory and technical support for museums, exhibit centres and the museum related activities of local groups throughout Nova Scotia.

Grants are available to assist with museum and exhibit centre operating costs, improvements to existing museums, and museum related projects. The program is described in a Museum Assistance Policy of the Nova Scotia Museum Complex, available upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

DERELICT VEHICLE PROGRAM

Under the Removal of Derelict Vehicles Act the Department annually undertakes a program to encourage and promote:

1. the removal of derelict vehicles to enhance the aesthetic quality of the environment and to prevent pollution, and

2.o the recover resource material by removal of derelict vehicles to processing plants where material may be recycled or reclaimed.

ELIGIBILITY:

The Derelict Vehicle Program is a joint program with the Department and municipal governments.

The number of derelict vehicle collections, the collection subsidy, and the level of funding available under the program is negotiated with the applicant.

If a municipality intends to join the program, Mr. Dennis Ryan, departmental program coordinator can be contacted at 424-5300, local 205.

SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT

Section 15 of the Water Act provides as follows:

Subject to the regulations, the Minister may assist municipalities in the construction of sewage collection and treatment works by making grants or loans of money or guaranteeing loans made to municipalities.

The relevant regulations are:

When the Minister is satisfied that a municipality has caused a pollution control study or survey to be made by an engineer or engineers whose engagement for the purpose was approved by the Department of the Environment, the Minister may advance to the municipality an amount equal to the cost to the municipality of having the survey or study conducted.

When the Minister is satisfied that a trunk collector or a sewage treatment plant has been satisfactorily completed by a municipality, the Minister may pay to the municipality a sum not exceeding 20 percent of the approved capital cost of the sewer or plant, including the cost of a study or survey referred to in subsection (1), maintained and operated by the municipality.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Section 8(1) of the Environment Protection Act provides:

The Minister, for purposes of the administration and enforcement of this Act and regulations, has the power to make grants and loans for:

- research and the training of persons relating to pollution, waste or litter:

- the development of waste management and waste disposal facilities, in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the regulations may prescribe;

The Minister may furnish to a municipality assistance to develop a regional solid waste management program in an amount equal to one-half the cost to the municipality of having the study conducted.

No assistance shall be given unless the Minister is satisfied:

- that the study is comprehensive and will consider all the material aspects of solid waste management that are relevant to the particular waste collection and disposal problems, including recycling opportunities;

- that the study will adopt regional objectives and be conducted in a regional context;

- that the objectives and the proposed conduct of the study have been approved by the Department.

Upon completion of the study, the Minister will furnish further assistance in the amount of the remainder of the costs to the municipality for the study, if he is satisfied:

- that the proposed design meets the requirements of the Act;

- that the municipality undertake implementation of the program; and that the proposed method of financing the whole of the program is approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

STREAM BANK PROTECTION PROGRAM

The objective of this policy is to provide assistance in investigating the causes of stream bank erosion and channel restrictions and to assist by construction works and control erosion, maintain and improve channel flow capacities. It is intended that such efforts will provide protection for highly productive agricultural land, fish habitat, municipal watersheds, selected forest property, industrial property, commercial property, public parks, churches, cemeteries, and primary residences affected by erosion of a water course.

Protection from erosion will be achieved by stabilizing the stream channel through the application of large armour rock. The removal of stream blockages caused by fallen trees will also be undertaken.

The Province will cost share with the applicant on all approved works. The applicant's share will be based on the estimate approved by the Department of the Environment or the actual cost of the work, whichever is the lesser amount. The applicant's portion of the shared cost for the protection of various types of properties shall be 25 percent of the total cost.

Applications for work to be done during the summer months must be received by the Department of the Environment prior to May 31 of that year. All applications received will be considered by the Department of the Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and other agencies having an interest in the proposal. The final approval will rest with the Minister of the Environment. Where an application is approved, the Minister will establish the conditions under which the project shall be conducted.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FITNESS

CAPITAL DEBT ASSISTANCE

The Department of Health and Fitness will make payments to hospitals based on the annual amount required to meet the interest and principal repayment of the approved portion for the outstanding debt after deducting funds available to the hospital from other sources for this purpose. The approved portion of the outstanding debt includes borrowings related to approved construction prior to the first day of April, 1972 and 40 percent of approved construction costs after that date.

CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

For new hospital construction, the Province will pay 40 percent of the approved construction costs in the form of an outright grant. A further 40 percent of the approved construction costs will be included in the Province's Capital Debt Assistance Program. For minor alterations and renovations a full 80 percent may be approved as an outright grant.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Department of Health and Fitness pays the operating expenses of approved general and mental hospitals and mental health centres in the Province. This program makes available the insured hospital services for both inpatients and out-patients to every resident of Nova Scotia both while in the Province or temporarily away.

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HEALTH UNITS

The Community Health Services Division provides Community Health Nursing, Public Health Inspection, Dental Hygiene, Nutrition, and Public Health Engineering personnel to all parts of the province through a system of seven geographic Health Units which are supported entirely by provincial funds. The Department of Government Services provides offices for each Health Unit without cost to the local municipalities.

DENTAL INCENTIVE GRANTS

The Community Health Services Division provides dental incentive grants to the municipalities to help in encouraging dentists to locate in those areas of the province which have a low or non-existent level of dental services available.

FLUORIDATION GRANTS

The Community Health Services Division provides grants to municipalities for the installation for fluoridation equipment in municipal water supply systems. These grants cover up to 50 percent of the cost of installed equipment to a maximum of $5,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING STUDIES

Studies are carried out to determine the housing requirements of various municipalities and the appropriate means of financing.

LAND BANKING AND SERVICING

Financial assistance as well as Planning/Design/Surveying Services and management expertise are available to municipalities which are suffering from or which are anticipating, a shortage of residential land at reasonable or acceptable prices. This assistance frequently extends to the servicing of land which has been purchased with a view of filling the need for residential building sites.

ACCESS-A-HOME PROGRAM

The Provincial Government, through the facilities of the Department of Housing, has provided funds for the encouragement and assistance in adapting existing housing units to suit persons limited to a wheelchair. Grants are available up to a maximum of $1,350 for the removal of architectural barriers which limits the use of a wheelchair.

PROVINCIAL HOUSING EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

The Provincial Government, through the facilities of the Department of Housing, has provided funds to assist persons of low and fixed incomes to carry out emergency repairs to their homes. Priority will be given to persons with an income of $6,000 or less, living in housing conditions with a severe health or safety hazard. Grants are available to a maximum of $2,500 for work and materials in place.

SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Provincial Government, through the facilities of the Department of Housing, has provided funds to assist senior citizens, 65 years or older, who wish to remain in their own homes but are unable to afford repairs required to ensure the preservation of their home as a habitable unit. Priority will be given to those with an income of $16,000 or less per year. Assistance will be in the form of a forgivable loan up to $3,000 over a maximum three year term: no payment will be required as long as the applicant(s) continue to meet the eligibility requirements. Full repayment is required if eligibility requirements are not met for the three year term of the loan.

SMALL LOANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program offers financial assistance by way of low interest loans to Nova Scotia homeowners in order to carry out work in and around their properties. The program is funded by the Province of Nova Scotia and is available through the Department of Housing.

The maximum amount available is $10,000 depending on the applicant's ability to repay and the cost of the work to be done. The loan is repayable at a variable interest rate in monthly instalments over a maximum period of five years.

The program is intended to serve persons with an adjusted family income of less than $21,500 per annum, who own and occupy their home.

SELF HELP HOUSING PROGRAM

The Self Help Housing Program provides mortgages to qualifying Nova Scotians who wish to build their own house. Loans are made to families whose combined income is within the established program guidelines and providing the family does not already own an adequate house.

PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS - SENIOR CITIZENS AND FAMILY UNITS

Financial and management assistance are given to provide suitable housing for low income families and senior citizens. Project development is undertaken by Department of Housing. Financing is 100 percent through a private lender. Operating deficits are shared by the Federal Government, Province and Municipality. Municipal cooperation is sought in establishing the need for this housing and identifying sites. A grant-in-lieu of taxes is paid to the municipality which helps defray the municipality's share of the operating deficit.

PUBLIC NON-PROFIT HOUSING

Advice and assistance is also available for the development of non-profit housing by municipalities.

Public non-profit groups finance special care projects by means of loans from the Municipal Finance Corporation. These loans are guaranteed by the municipal unit involved. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Department of Housing assist by writing the interest rate on the loan to two percent if required.

PARENT APARTMENT PROGRAM

The Parent Apartment Program offers assistance to eligible homeowners to create an apartment within the applicant's principal residence for seniors related to the homeowners.

PRIVATE SECTOR - SECOND MORTGAGE PROGRAM

This program provides assistance to first time homeowners for the downpayment to construct or purchase a modest home or condominium.

APARTMENT CREATION PROGRAM

The Apartment Creation Program encourages the production of additional apartments for low to moderate income families.

Assistance is available to eligible applicants who wish to convert existing structures to apartment buildings or increase the number of units in existing apartment buildings.

RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

The Rent Supplement program provides assistance to families who cannot afford suitable rental accommodations on the open market.

Either private landlords or federally funded cooperative housing groups make a number of units available and charge the occupants according to a rent-to-income scale. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Department of Housing provide funds to reduce the group's borrowing rate to two percent if required.

PRIVATE NON-PROFIT HOUSING

The Department of Housing provides advice and assistance for the development of non-profit projects by groups wishing to care for mentally disabled persons, battered and/or homeless families and individuals, etc. The groups, incorporated under the Societies Act, finance their projects by means of an N.H.A. insured loan through the private lender. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Department of Housing provide funds to reduce the group's borrowing rate to two percent if required.

FAMILY MODEST HOUSING PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to lower income families for the construction or purchase of modest housing or the renovation of existing owner occupied units.

Maximum mortgage available for new construction is $55,550.00 including mortgage insurance fee.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY

JOINT FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS

The Nova Scotia Department of Industry, Trade and Technology, in conjunction with the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), administers several joint federal-provincial subsidiary agreements negotiated under the auspices of the Economic and Regional Development Agreement (ERDA), signed June, 1984.

These subsidiary agreements may provide assistance for community infrastructure when it is considered to be essential to the viability of a development opportunity.

Eligible projects are those that provide net economic benefits to the province, such as the creation of permanent employment and income opportunities.

Thus far, subsidiary agreements, totalling approximately $373 million, have been signed under the new ERDA program.

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SEE ALSO THE ATLANTIC CANADA OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY (ACOA)

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND FORESTS

PARKS DEVELOPMENT ACT

CAMPSITES

- Subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, the Minister may grant financial assistance to any municipality to assist in the development of an approved campsite.

- The financial assistance in respect of an approved campsite shall not exceed one-half of the total cost of development and in no case shall exceed $15,000.

- No financial assistance shall be granted under the Act unless in the opinion of the Minister there is a need for the approved campsite having regard to its location in relation to other parks in Nova Scotia and the camping, picnickings and other facilities provided for the accommodation and enjoyment of the public.

IMPROVEMENT OF SCENIC AREAS

(1) Where

- a local community organization wishes to initiate and carry out a project of local improvement by constructing and developing trails, scenic waterfalls, streams, or other local scenic or picnic areas; and

- that organization and the municipality in which the local scenic area is located agree to each provide 25 percent of the cost of such construction and development.

The Minister may, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, grant financial assistance to any such municipality or local community organization.

- Financial assistance granted under subsection (1) shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of construction and development and in no case shall exceed $2,500.

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DUTCH ELM DISEASE ASSISTANCE

The Minister of Lands & Forests obtains authority through the Legislature each year to enter into agreements with municipal authorities and agencies for sanitation programs to control the rate of spread of Dutch Elm Disease on the elms in the populated areas. The Province will share expenditures for elm tree sanitation work which includes labour, supplies and rental of equipment.

Sanitation work includes the following:

- The cutting and disposal of elm trees which are or have been infected by Dutch Elm Disease. This includes all such elm material one inch in diameter. Larger stumps and exposed roots must be debarked to ground level.

- The yearly pruning and disposal of dead and dying branches, the removal of crossing and weak branches and thinning of no more than 20 percent of the living branches of elm trees as well as the cutting and disposal of dead and dying elm trees. The use of elm wood generated on these projects will be discouraged for use as firewood due to the possibility of spreading the disease. "Disposal" in the above means the burning or burying under at lease six inches of soil.

The Province's share of expenditures under an agreement shall not exceed 50 percent, and its shareable expenditure for the province under all agreements shall not exceed the budgeted amount (the 1988/89 amount was $26,000).

Professional and technical advice is provided on Urban Forestry programs such as how to set-up tree committees, carry out tree inventories, prepare tree management plans, tree planting and other tree care programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY

PROVINCIAL ENERGY ANALYSIS PROGRAM

ENERGY ANALYSIS

Energy Analyses are carried out at no cost to municipalities for any municipally owned building. Schools, utilities, etc. qualify for the service. The analyses are conducted on site by trained energy professionals. A report on the opportunities to save energy at the site and the potential dollar savings identified is provided.

TECHNICAL FOLLOW-UP

Staff are available to assist with interpretation of the energy analysis and provide advice on implementing the energy saving measures identified.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Staff are available to provide assistance in organizing and conducting energy conservation workshops and seminars for municipal staff, including those of school boards and other agencies.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Department staff are available to provide advice and assistance in setting up a variety of energy related programs including employee awareness programs and public education and information programs. Literature, awareness materials, films and slide presentations are also available on request.

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DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

GRANTS-IN-LIEU OF TAXES

Section 3 of the Municipal Grants Act provides for the payment of grants-in-lieu of taxes on provincial property. These grants will be paid in an amount equal to full taxes as if the property were not actually exempt. Provincial properties in respect of which no grant is paid are hospitals, educational institutions, and property of an agency, board, commission, or Crown corporation, or those of the Minister of Housing as referred to in the Housing Act. In addition, a grant-in-lieu of taxes is paid in the amount of 40 percent of full taxes that would be payable as residential property of post-secondary educational institutions and hospitals if it were not actually exempt.

OPERATING GRANT

Section 8 of the Municipal Grants Act provides for the payment of an operating grant which is in the form of an unconditional transfer. The grant is based on expenditure need and the ability to pay.

CAPITAL GRANT

Section 20 of the Municipal Grants Act provides for the payment of a capital grant. The distribution of the grant is based on expenditure need and the grant may be used for all capital purposes except education, health, social services, and the administration of justice.

FARM LAND GRANT

Pursuant to Section 40A of the Assessment Act, land (excluding buildings) used for agricultural purposes is exempt from taxation. The statute provides that the Department shall pay a grant in respect of all such lands equal to $1.00 per acre in 1978 and increasing by five percent per year thereafter.

The grant will be $1.71 in 1989.

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides for a contribution of up to 50 percent of the approved net cost of eligible water and sewer projects undertaken by municipalities.

URBAN TRANSPORTATION

Subsidies based on population are provided toward the operating deficits of regional transit systems. The subsidy is $4.60 per capita served.

Transportation for the disabled is also eligible for assistance and the subsidy is $1.15 per capita served.

Grants of up to 50 percent of the cost of new or refurbished buses and lift vans are available. Grants toward other capital projects are negotiable.

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PLANNING ACT

The Department may provide financial assistance for municipal planning as follows:

Under Section (104) of the Planning Act the Department may pay to a municipal council or to a district planning commission up to 50 percent of the "approved costs" for the preparation and administration of municipal planning strategies, inter-municipal planning strategies, land use by-laws and subdivisions by-laws.

Cost-sharing will be based on "approved costs" as established by the Minister.

BUILDING CODE ACT

The Minister may, pursuant to Section 6 of the Building Code Act, pay to any regional organization or to any two or more municipalities which jointly provide for the administration and enforcement of the Act, an amount up to 50 percent of the difference between the reasonable costs of administration and the revenue that would be received under the scale of permit fees prescribed by regulations.

The intent of the cost-sharing is to assist municipalities, particularly the smaller municipalities to join together to provide high quality cost-effective building code administration.

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NOVA SCOTIA COMMISSION ON DRUG DEPENDENCY

The Nova Scotia Commission on Drug Dependency delivers services on a regional basis, with major input at the regional level. The Commission can work with municipalities to develop half-way houses, detoxification and follow-up programs, as well as drug dependency policies for municipal employees.

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Nova Scotia Commission on Drug Dependency
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THE NOVA SCOTIA LIQUOR COMMISSION

GRANTS-IN-LIEU OF TAXES

The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission is authorized to compute and disburse yearly grants-in-lieu of property taxes on Commission-owned properties and grants-in-lieu of business taxes on Commission-owned and leased premises on the following authorized formulae:

- Grants-in-lieu of property taxes: one and a half percent of the total cost of land and buildings for each location.

- Grants-in-lieu of business taxes: four percent on inventory of plant and equipment plus the average inventory of stock at cost for 12 months for each location as of March 31 of each year.

MAINTENANCE OF PERSONS CONVICTED UNDER THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT

The Nova Scotia Liquor Commission is authorized under Section 163 of the Liquor Control Act to pay a per diem allowance of $4.00 for all persons in custody or committed to jail in respect of an offence against the Liquor Control Act.

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NOVA SCOTIA POWER CORPORATION

GRANTS-IN-LIEU OF TAXES

Section 16 of the Nova Scotia Power Corporation Act provides:

(1) The Corporation and its property are exempt from taxation under or pursuant to any Act of the Legislature.

(2) Where the Corporation owns not less than 75 percent of the shares of any company, such company and its property and any subsidiary of such company and any property thereof are also exempt from taxation under or pursuant to any Act of the Legislature.

(3) The Corporation or any such company or any subsidiary thereof, exempt from taxation as aforesaid, shall annually pay to every municipal unit a grant, in lieu of any tax which would have been payable to the municipal unit but for this Section, equivalent to not less than two and one-half percentum of the retail electric revenue derived from customers in the municipal unit in the year immediately preceding the year in which the grant is made.

(4) Where the Corporation purchases an electric utility, the Corporation shall enter into an agreement, with the municipal units formerly served by the utility, providing for additional grants to minimize the revenue loss experienced by the municipal units as a result of the purchase; all previous agreements of this kind entered into by the Corporation are hereby ratified and confirmed and declared binding on the Corporation.

(5) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (4), but subject to subsections (6), (7) and (8) the Corporation shall not be required to pay to a municipal unit in the taxation year 1976 from the Corporation or an electric utility subsequently purchased by the Corporation.

(6) Notwithstanding subsection (5), the amount paid by the Corporation as a grant to a municipal unit in the taxation year 1978 shall be increased in the amount of five percentum over that paid in the taxation year 1977 by the Corporation or an electric utility subsequently purchased by the Corporation.

(7) Subsequent to the taxation year 1978, the amount paid by the Corporation or an electric utility subsequently purchased by the Corporation as a grant to a municipal unit shall be increased each taxation year over that of the previous taxation year in the amount of five percentum until the taxation year 1981.

(8) The Governor in Council may by regulation increase the amount of the grant effective for the taxation year 1981 and every third taxation year thereafter.

Pursuant to Section 16(8) above, the Governor in Council on April 7, 1987, (Order in Council No. 87-427) changed the amount of the grant effective for the taxation year 1987 by increasing the amount of the grant to be paid by the Nova Scotia Power Corporation to respective municipal units by an amount equal to five percentum of such grants paid by the Corporation to municipal units for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1986, and to remain constant at the 1987 level in each of the taxation years 1988 and 1989.

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NOVA SCOTIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION CORPORATION

The Nova Scotia Research Foundation Corporation operates a research, development and scientific services laboratory to assist industry and government in the effective utilization of science and technology. Most work is undertaken on a contract basis. While the principal objective is to assist industry, many of the Foundations' capabilities are relevant to municipalities. For example:

Air Pollution - identification and measurement of particle fallout and continuous measurement of sulphur dioxide.

Water Analysis - water supply and effluent stream analysis.

Control of manganese in water supply.

Organic contaminants such as PCB's in transformer oils, soils and water and chlorinated solvents (dry cleaning fluids) in soils and water.

Lube oil and heating fuel analysis.

Microbiological services.

Marine and land geophysical services.

Corrosion analysis and control.

Metallurgical Testing - welder qualification test, weld performance qualification tests, failure analysis, mechanical testing and corrosion testing of materials.

Sound Level Measurements - noise surveys, indoors and outdoors. Technical assistance with noise problems.

Mathematical modelling and computer simulation for problem-solving.

Glassblowing Service - repair and custom built glassware.

Information and Reporting Services - design and implementation.

Industrial Engineering Services - assistance in the diagnosis and solution of plant problems using economic, operational and statistical analysis.

Feasibility Studies - economical and market analyses related to specific opportunities.

Fire Station Location Studies - a computerized service which determines optimal locations for community fire stations.

Forensic Services - Chemical analysis, accident reconstruction and characterization and failure analysis.

Indoor Air Quality Monitoring.

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NOVA SCOTIA SPORT AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Commission may contribute a grant to assist in the capital costs of public recreation facilities. This grant is also available to community groups or organizations, but as a matter of practice the Commission prefers to see all applications for capital grants under this program channelled through the municipal unit.

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE GRANT

The Commission may pay a grant of up to $2,000 to any municipal unit or community organization for the purpose of assisting in the costs of renovating existing small buildings, such as abandoned or little used school houses and community halls.

PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Commission may provide a grant of up to $2,000 or 50 percent of the cost, whichever is the less, towards the cost of facility studies and investigations such as feasibility studies, if other government sources of funding are not available.

PROVINCIAL-MUNICIPAL GRANTS PROGRAM

A. BASIC RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT

A grant is paid to assist municipalities with the cost of developing or maintaining recreational services for Nova Scotians. The grant is equal to $3,000 plus an additional per capita allotment if population exceeds 3,000 as follows:

Population 3,000 to 5,999	50 cents per capita
Population 6,000 to 14,999	25 cents per capita
Population 15,000 and over	10 cents per capita

B. LEADERSHIP GRANT

A leadership grant is available to municipal units that employ a full-time recreation administrator. Depending on their qualifications, the Commission will share half, up to a maximum contribution of $12,000, of the salary and related costs of an employee whose responsibility is in the administration, supervision and coordination of community recreation for each municipal unit.

A grant is available to assist with the salary of a second full-time professional involved in the development, promotion and implementation of recreation programs at the municipal level. Fifty percent of the salary and expenses, up to a maximum of $5,000, is available to municipalities that qualify. Municipalities already receiving cost-sharing for basic programming and employing a full-time director are eligible.

C. INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT

Grants under this category will be approved by project on a one-time basis. A municipality may apply for assistance with a project that will expand or increase programs and services already being

provided. Approval for a project requires a financial commitment by the municipality that is negotiable according to the nature of the program or service. Projects may involve planning, leadership development, new programs, inter-municipal cooperative projects, and so on.

D. PART-TIME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program is designed to enable municipal units to develop or expand recreation services through the addition of part-time leadership. Any municipality that employs a full-time recreation director/coordinator is eligible for assistance under the program. The Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission will provide 50 percent of the salary and benefits up to a maximum of $100/week for approved municipal applications. Assistance is provided for a total of eight weeks per calendar year per municipality.

E. MUNICIPAL RECREATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The intent of this program is to provide students enrolled at post-secondary educational institutions, in recreation or related fields, with an opportunity to obtain practical experience in recreation programming and administration. The program is also designed to assist municipalities to expand existing or develop new recreation program services. Only municipalities employing full-time recreation administrators are eligible. The Commission will pay half of each intern's salary up to a maximum contribution of $90 per week for all or part of a 16-week period (January 1 to December 31).

REGIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

This program is available through the six regional offices of the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission. Municipal units as well as local community groups and organizations, are eligible to seek financial assistance through this program. Regional Program Development funds are intended to assist with (1) seed money in the development and expansion of municipal and community recreation activities (2) development of regional events relating to the mandate of the Commission (3) encouragement and human resource development. These funds are not to be considered as an ongoing source of financial assistance to any individual project. Funding for each request is established on the merits of each application. Further information on Regional Program Development grants may be obtained from the respective regional office in which the municipal unit is located.

REGIONAL FITNESS DEVELOPMENT

This program is available to municipal units, community organizations and individuals involved in the field of physical fitness. Three specific avenues of assistance exist - (1) start-up grants for new fitness programs (2) grants for individuals to travel to fitness workshops, conferences and seminars (3) assistance in hosting a fitness workshop or conference. Further information may be obtained through the appropriate Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission's regional office.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

Through the services of the main office of the Commission on the 8th Floor, 5151 Terminal Road, P. O. Box 864, Halifax and through the six regional offices, municipalities can take advantage of special consultant services, specialists' advice, and assistance for workshops in the sport, outdoor and community recreation areas. Requests for these services should be directed to the Regional Representative serving your municipality.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

HIGHWAYS IN CITIES AND TOWNS

Agreements may be made with cities and towns to pay a percentage of the cost of construction, reconstruction or maintenance of any highway, or portion thereof in the city or town, if in the opinion of the Minister of Transportation and Communications the highway forms a connecting link in a main trunk highway of the province or is a main highway leading into or through the city or town. The percentage paid by the Department of Transportation and Communications is based upon the shareability determined from time to time for the city or town, however, in no case is this percentage less than 50 percent.

Agreements may also be made with cities and towns to pay at least 50 percent of the cost of construction, reconstruction or maintenance of bridges on highways or portions thereof, that meet the above criteria, if the bridge exceeds three meters in shortest length between the front faces of its end supports.

The Department of Transportation and Communications for the purpose of providing a more direct or more expeditious route for traffic through a city or town, may construct and maintain a highway or a portion of a highway within the boundaries of a city or town.

SIDEWALKS IN RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

The Minister of Transportation and Communications, with the approval of the Governor-in-Council, may enter into an agreement to share in the cost of construction of sidewalks on public highways in any rural municipality. The percentage of cost paid by the Department of Transportation and Communications is based upon the shareability determined from time to time for the particular municipalities involved, however, in no case is this percentage less than 50 percent.

SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL IN CITIES AND TOWNS

The Department of Transportation and Communications makes a contribution, to the various cities and towns throughout the Province, towards the cost of snow removal and ice control on the total metreage of highway under agreement in each city and town. The contribution is determined by using the estimated costs per kilometre of snow removal and ice control on public highways in the area and paying a percentage of the cost based upon the shareability determined from time to time for the city or town involved, for each kilometre of highway under agreement.

VILLAGE AND SUBDIVISION STREETS IN RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

The Department of Transportation and Communications may enter into an agreement to cost share in the paving of village and subdivision streets. The cost sharing depends on the classification of the street involved, and how long it has been listed as a public road.

This street paving policy was revised in 1988. The policy now states that streets listed for less than 15 years will be paved on a cost shared basis with the municipality, whereas streets listed for 15 years or more will be paved at 100% the Department's expense. Also, streets where the developer is required by the municipality to install curbs, gutter, catch basins and storm sewer at the initial construction stage, will be paved at 100% the developer's expense.

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Northern Region (Colchester & Cumberland Counties)

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OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SUBSIDY FOR COMMUNITY AIRPORTS

The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation provides an annual Operations and Maintenance subsidy for community airports.

The objectives of the program are:

- to ensure that local airports are adequately maintained to handle emergencies;
- to ensure that they are regularly available to the business community, thereby complementing local and provincial industrial development efforts;
- to encourage the establishment of regular air passenger service throughout the Province; and
- to assist tourism and development.

Annual Operation and Maintenance subsidies are available to municipally-owned and operated airports in Nova Scotia which meet the minimum requirements of the program. Six locations in the Province are currently eligible for assistance, including Digby, Annapolis Valley (Waterville), Liverpool, Port Hawkesbury, Margaree Valley and Trenton.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AGRICULTURE CANADA

PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE (PDAI)

Fairs and exhibitions, as well as a number of previous activities, have been consolidated and along with new proposed activities whose objectives are to encourage the growth and efficiency of a diversified livestock and crop sector in the Canadian Agricultural Industry may receive assistance.

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ATLANTIC CANADA OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY (ACOA)

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency does not provide direct financial assistance to municipalities. However, some of the subsidiary agreements signed enable the Department to provide funds, throughout the province, for specific development projects, planning, and for municipal infrastructure needs related to development opportunities.

Subsidiary agreements are signed under the umbrella framework of the ERDA agreement which was signed on June 11, 1984.

The overall objectives of the ERDA are:

- to encourage the expansion or maintenance of viable, long-term employment opportunities and an optimum quality of life within Nova Scotia;

- to increase the earned incomes of the people in Nova Scotia;

- to assist in the development of a dynamic and creative provincial economy which will encourage the growth and stability of economic activity in Nova Scotia.

Assistance is not intended to assist communities as such, but rather to support economic development opportunities. Only where community infrastructure is considered to be essential to the visibility of the development opportunity can assistance be provided.

SEE ALSO NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY

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CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Section 34.1)

Loans of up to $10,000 per home for urban homeowners and $25,000 per home for rural homeowners, with a maximum $5,000 forgiveness, are available to improve housing conditions for homeowners. Properties must be substandard in **at least** one of the following areas: structural; electrical; plumbing; heating; fire safety; or overcrowding.

To be eligible for assistance, rural and urban homeowners cannot obtain suitable, adequate and affordable accommodation without paying more than 30% of their income for shelter.

RENTAL RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Financial assistance is provided to landlords to repair, rehabilitate or improve existing substandard housing. Forgivable loans for 100 percent of costs up to $17,000 per self-contained dwelling and $8,500 per hostel bed. Properties must be substandard in **at least** one of the following areas: structural, electrical, plumbing, heating or fire safety.

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED

Homeowners who want to make their properties accessible for disabled people living or intending to live there are eligible for a maximum loan amount of $10,000. Depending on household income, there is a forgivable amount of $5,000.

Landlords who want to make their properties accessible for disabled people are eligible for a maximum of $5,000 for each self-contained unit and $2,500 for each bed unit. These amounts are forgivable if the landlord enters into an agreement which places a ceiling on the rents charged for the disabled units that have been modified under the RRAP program.

RURAL AND NATIVE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND RENTAL PROGRAM

This program provides affordable housing to households in core housing need in rural areas, through homeownership, lease to purchase, or rental accommodation. A federal subsidy reduces monthly mortgage payments to 25 percent of household income, and heating costs are further subsidized according to the type of system and property location.

RURAL AND NATIVE HOUSING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

This program provides new housing to households in core housing need in designated communities. Federal funds are available to purchase building materials provided volunteer labour is available for construction.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

This program provides cost-effective housing to not-for-profit continuing co-operatives, which provides security of tenure for moderate income households who cannot afford homeownership. NHA

mortgage insurance is available on Index Linked Mortgages to 100 percent of projects costs. Proposal development funding is available for initiation and development of the group and its proposal.

NON-PROFIT HOUSING PROGRAM

This program assists households in need to obtain affordable, adequate, and suitable rental housing, through the provision of assistance to provinces, municipalities, public and private non-profit housing corporations, or not-for-profit continuing co-operatives. NHA mortgage insurance is available on loans financed through approved lenders. Federal subsidy is available to eligible projects to pay the difference between eligible operating costs and project revenues.

URBAN NATIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

This program assists low-income Native households living in urban areas to obtain suitable and affordable rental housing on the private market by providing assistance to Native sponsors whose purpose is to supply housing for low-income Native households. Financial assistance is equal to the shortfall between a project's revenue, which comes from rents or occupancy charges paid by tenants (limited to 25 percent of their incomes), and the actual costs of operating the project.

EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

To assist homeowners or occupiers in rural areas to undertake emergency repairs required for the continued safe occupancy of their houses. Eligible repairs are repairs to: heating systems, chimneys, doors and windows, foundations, roofs, walls, floors, ceiling, vents, plumbing or electrical systems. Depending on costs, a one time, nonrepayable contribution of $1,500 is available.

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CANADIAN PARKS SERVICE

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES - COST-SHARING PROGRAM

The Canadian Parks Service has an ongoing program to assist municipal and provincial governments, as well as non-profit organizations, in the acquisition and restoration of nationally important historic structures. An agreement is negotiated with the parties concerned to fit the specific requirements of each project. All such agreements contain similar provisions concerning the acquisition and restoration of each site, although variations do occur to accommodate particular cases. The Service can however, only become involved with those structures which have been declared to be of national historic or architectural significance and recommended as a priority for cost-sharing under the cost-sharing program. This declaration is made by the Minister on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The Board fulfills the role of an independent jury in determining the significance of persons, places, events and structures, and acts as an advisory body to the Minister on historical matters.

The criteria on which sites are assessed by the Board require that they be closely associated with events which, or people who, have significantly shaped Canadian history. Moreover, a building may be declared of national significance due to its great age and because it is an outstanding example of period architecture of which few still remain. If the Board recommends favourably, and if the Minister accepts the recommendation, it is then possible for the Canadian Parks Service to become involved. In the vast majority of cases this involvement is limited to commemoration by means of a plaque or distinctive monument. In other cases the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada can recommend cost-sharing to preserve such a structure. Only in certain rare cases where the site is of exceptional significance (such as Lower Fort Garry in Manitoba or the Walls and Gates in Quebec City) will the Board recommend the creation of a national historic park.

Cost-sharing agreements are entered into under the authority vested in the office of the Minister by the Historic Sites and Monuments Act. The Department may contribute up to 50 percent of the cost of acquisition and restoration if title to the property is to be held by the second party. The Service's maximum contribution is one million dollars. The second party to the agreement is responsible for the work to be done and lets any necessary contracts; if required, the Parks Service may provide expert advice on restoration engineering and on architectural detail. Financial contributions are made on the basis of certified expenditures submitted to the Parks Service. The final payment is not made until the project is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister. Once the historic place is restored the second party, under the terms of the agreement, is obligated to maintain and operate it at their own expense over a stated period of time for the benefit of the general public.

An example of cost-sharing is an innovative project in Halifax under which the Parks Service has contributed approximately one million dollars for the exterior restoration of seven waterfront buildings which had been declared of national historic importance, known as Historic Properties. The project has been carried out by a private company, Historic Properties Limited, which leases the lands from the City of Halifax and was responsible for the restoration and modification of the interiors to accommodate modern office space and commercial business ventures. A unique feature of this project was that there existed an agreement whereby Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) acted as the Department's agent with the City of Halifax and the private company on matters relating to the project.

AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF FOREST OR MUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION

For certain locations, the Parks Service will negotiate agreements providing for forest or municipal fire protection to national or national historic parks where assistance is required from a provincial or municipal agency. The agreements may provide for the payment of an annual sum to the agency by the Canadian Parks Service.

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EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION CANADA

CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

1. JOB DEVELOPMENT

Job Development develops the labour market potential of long-term unemployed persons who have been unable to obtain employment for at least 24 of the last 30 weeks. It focuses on their needs in the context of local economic growth and potential.

Eligibility

Businesses, organizations, individuals, ad hoc groups, municipalities, school boards, Band Councils and unincorporated municipalities are eligible but must submit a resolution supporting the proposal with their application. Provincial/territorial departments and agencies are not normally eligible. Consult the PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL INFORMATION SHEET for exceptions. Federal departments and agencies are not eligible.

Assistance

Job Development creates employment opportunities for the long-term unemployed by funding three different types of proposals:

Subsidized Projects:

These will subsidize employers who operate projects which provide three or more long-term unemployed individuals with a training and work experience program related to specific jobs. Proposals will normally be funded from 16-52 weeks. Wages for the private sector include:

- up to 60 percent of wages paid,
- up to $7.50 per hour with a weekly maximum of $300 per participant,
- wages for administrative staff up to the local prevailing wage rate,
- up to $8 per participant training hour,
- up to $10,000 per disabled participant.

Individually Subsidized Jobs:

Job Development subsidizes employers who hire employment disadvantaged individuals to fill newly created positions or to fill current job vacancies and provide them with a combination of training and work experience for a specific job. The number of subsidized individuals in any one establishment will not exceed the greater of two or 20 percent, of the number of regular employers at the place of employment.

Employment disadvantaged individuals are defined as those who, although willing to work, have had particular difficulty in finding a job.

Duration

Jobs for the employment - disadvantaged must last for 16 - 52 weeks. Jobs for other participants must last for 16 - 26 weeks.

Wages

Employers may receive:

- up to 60 percent of wages paid,
- up to $7.50 per hour with a weekly maximum of $300 per participant,
- up to $8 per participant training hour,
- up to $10,000 per disabled participant.

Project Participants

Unless otherwise specified in the Provincial Territorial Information Sheet, participants must have been unemployed, but willing to work, for at least 24 of the last 30 weeks. They must be referred to the employer by a Canada Employment Centre (CEC).

Job Development supports the principle of employment equity: a fair "share" for women, Native people, disabled persons, and members of visible minorities. This reflects the basic principle that there be equality of access to employment programs.

The CEC will therefore undertake to refer qualified women, Native people, disabled persons, and members of visible minorities.

For more information contact your local Canada Employment Centre.

2. JOB ENTRY

The ENTRY option of the Job Entry Program is designed to assist youth in their transition from school to work. Its purpose is to provide a real option for youth who are not post-secondary graduates - an option which combines on-the-job (on-site) training and off-the-job (off-site) training so that youth will have both the theoretical and practical experience to perform in real work settings.

ENTRY is intended to help bridge the gap between school and work, and to overcome the difficulty of not being able to get a job without experience and not being able to get experience without a job.

The RE-ENTRY option of the Job Entry Program is designed to assist women in their transition to work. Its purpose is to provide participants with an integrated combination of classroom or off-site training and on-site work experience and training. It will also provide participants with the skills to secure lasting employment or more specialized training.

The RE-ENTRY option is designed to assist women who are having difficulty making a successful transition to the labour market.

The SEVERELY EMPLOYMENT DISADVANTAGED (SED) option is designed to assist or encourage severely employment disadvantaged persons in making the transition to, or to participate effectively in, the labour market through training and work experience.

Eligibility

Entry coordinators are responsible for developing, implementing and managing an Entry project. Detailed Entry plans, developed by the coordinator will provide participants with integrated off and on-site training. Normally the plan will provide training for 16 to 52 full-time weeks (or the part-time equivalent) with the off-site portion constituting a minimum of 25 percent of the total program length.

Re-Entry coordinators have the same responsibilities for their Re-Entry projects as is the case for the Entry coordinators and their projects.

Entry and Re-Entry coordinators may be individuals, businesses, community organizations, industrial associations (including Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade), labour organizations, private educational institutions, consulting firms, federal, provincial and municipal governments and their institutions, ad hoc groups established for the purpose of acting as coordinators, training specialists or community groups. Re-Entry coordinators must also be knowledgeable in the development of employment related programs for women or have consulted with recognized experts in the field.

Businesses, organizations, individuals, groups, municipalities and school boards are eligible to become employers of severely employment disadvantaged projects.

Training Place Hosts:

Training place hosts for Entry/Re-Entry projects will provide productive, developmental training and work experience, including proper supervision and support for trainees at the place of business for the duration of on-site training. Hosts will cooperate with the Entry/Re-Entry Coordinator in a regular assessment of trainees.

Eligible training place hosts are businesses, organizations, individuals, federal departments, agencies, institutions, Crown corporations, provincial/territorial and municipal departments, agencies or institutions. Hosts should have been in business in Canada for at least one year.

Participants

Entry participants will be youth who:

- are unemployed or working part-time for not more than 25 hours per week,
- have reached the legal school leaving age,
- have been out of regular school system for at least three months,
- are not in receipt of a post-secondary degree or diploma,
- are legally entitled to work in Canada,
- are confirmed as eligible participants by a Canada Employment Centre.

Anyone who has worked full-time for 26 or more consecutive weeks during the previous 52 weeks is deemed to have achieved a school to work transition and will normally not be eligible for this training.

Re-Entry participants are women who:

- require assistance in making the transition into the labour field,
- are unemployed or working part-time not more than 25 hours per week,

- are legally entitled to work in Canada.

Severely Employment Disadvantaged:

SED participants must be unemployed, be of the legal school leaving age and be facing a significant barrier in securing and maintaining continuing employment due to problematic work habits, attitudes and motivation problems, a serious lack of education or training, prolonged periods of institutionalization, functional illiteracy or a long history of drug or alcohol abuse.

Referrals of severely employment disadvantaged participants to projects must be done through Canada Employment Centres.

Training

The training will be multi-faceted, combining an adjustable mix of work experience, related practical training, generic work skills, specialized vocational training and training in a variety of related occupations.

For more information contact your local Canada Employment Centre.

3. SKILL INVESTMENT

Objective:

The objective of the Skill Investment Program is to assist employed workers who are employment-threatened to obtain new skills in response to changing technology and markets.

Eligibility

Eligible Skill Investment hosts include employers, groups, incorporated associations and self-employed. Federal, provincial and municipal governments and those agencies funded by tax revenues (e.g. school boards, police and fire departments), are not eligible.

There are two options under this program:

(A) Small Business Training

Provides for retraining of employees to adapt to changing technology and markets.

Assistance

Financial assistance to train employees (current or newly hired).

Wage reimbursement:

- up to 60 percent of wages
- up to $7.50 per hour with a weekly maximum of $300 per participant

Training Costs:

- up to $20 per participant training hour
- Provisions for the disabled (up to $10,000)

Eligibility

This option is limited to firms with less than 100 employees.

(B) Training Trust Fund

Assist workers to adjust to labour market changes by contributing to Training Trust Find established by employee associations independently or jointly with employers for the purpose of assisting workers to obtain new skills in response to changing technology and markets.

Assistance

Year	Federal Contribution to Fund as percent of Employee and Employer Contributions	Maximum $
1st Year	50 percent of contribution	200,000
2nd Year	33 1/3 percent of contribution	100,000
3rd Year	33 1/3 percent of contributions	100,000
Total for 3 years		400,000

For more information contact your local Canada Employment Centre.

4. SKILL SHORTAGES

The objective of this program is to provide support for occupations or skills which are designated in the Region in order to provide the economy with skills necessary to remain competitive.

Eligibility

Employers, groups, incorporated associations and self-employed except federal, provincial, municipal governments and those agencies funded by tax revenues (e.g. school boards, police and fire departments).

Assistance

Financial assistance to train employees (current or newly hired).

Wage reimbursement:

- Up to 60 percent of regular weekly wages paid during off-the-job training.
- Up to 25 percent weekly wages paid during on-the-job training.
- Up to $7.50 per hour and a weekly maximum of $300 per participant.

Training Costs:

- Up to $20 per participant training hour.
- Provisions for the disabled (up to $10,000).

For more information contact your local Canada Employment Centre.

5. INNOVATIONS

The National Labour Market Innovations Program is designed to stimulate and test the support of innovative labour market initiatives through pilot programs, demonstration projects, and developmental activities that will lead to improved functioning of the labour market. Initiatives to be funded must be directly related to a labour market issue or concern and must be new ideas or new ways to improve existing approaches to training or job creation.

Eligibility

Businesses, organizations, educational and training bodies provincial/territorial institutions, municipalities, individuals, and those Crown Corporations that are not mainly funded through appropriations are eligible to be recipients of contributions under the National Labour Market Innovations Program.

Assistance

Innovations will normally share costs with project proponents and/or other agencies who may contribute either "in dollars" or "in kind". Only in exceptional cases will Innovations cover all costs. Innovations will only fund activities for a pilot, developmental or demonstration phase. The contribution from Innovations may be used for wages, legally required employee benefits, direct overhead, and other approved costs. Those costs may include: professional and special services; training and research consultants; preparation of the final report: travel and special services; training and research consultants; preparation of the final report; travel and accommodation; administration; rental or purchase of materials, supplies or equipment; or other costs directly associated with the project. Innovations will not contribute to costs that would have been incurred if the proposed activities had not been supported.

Innovations may also contribute to capital equipment costs when such costs are clearly necessary to the proposed activity and not its sole objective, and when purchase of capital equipment is more cost-effective than leasing. These costs do not include building construction.

Duration

Proposals for duration involving activities that exceed one year may be approved in principle, but will be subject to annual review, and strictly limited to a maximum of three years.

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6. COMMUNITY FUTURES PROGRAM

The Community Futures Program is one of six programs that make up the Canadian Jobs Strategy. The program assists communities in adjusting to structural and economic change by planning for productive uses of the community labour force and maintaining and increasing local employment opportunities.

Selection of Communities

Under the Community Futures Program, a community is defined as a geographic area covering a self-contained labour market, normally outside metropolitan centres. Boundaries of a Community Futures community should fit as closely as possible with local boundaries that will foster local cooperation. They will not always coincide with existing local administrative boundaries (e.g. of a municipality or local government unit).

Eligibility

Communities must:

- be suffering from chronic or acute unemployment;
- have an unemployment rate which, in the opinion of program officials, is substantially greater than the provincial average, while lacking adequate mechanisms to address the problem; and
- normally be outside metropolitan areas and distance from more buoyant labour markets.

Assistance

In communities selected for inclusion in the program, the Community Futures Program provides support for Community Futures Committees. These committees are made up of representatives from relevant interest groups from within the community. They assess the communities' problems and design suitable remedies through a single-window approach for employment development and adjustment programs and services. In addition to determining which options under the Community Futures Program would best meet their respective communities' needs, the committees also advise on the implementation of other government programs that can supplement and support the initiatives of their communities and the private sector.

The following options under the Community Futures Program are available to be chosen by Community Futures Committees, in accordance with their overall plans:

(a) The Self-Employment Incentive option provides grants to individuals in Community Futures communities as benefits for one year, in compensation for Unemployment Insurance (UI) or welfare benefits that they would otherwise receive, so that they can establish their own businesses.

(b) The Business Development Centre option is available for the establishment of Business Development Centres in Community Futures communities. These centres assist in the establishment, expansion and stabilization of small businesses through the provision of an advisory service. On the basis of the Community Futures Committee's assessment of the community's capacity and the most appropriate mix of program options, a Business Development Centre may also administer an investment fund for use in assisting small businesses to become established or to expand.

(c) The Community Initiatives Fund is a special option available for the support of particularly worthwhile initiatives that have been identified by a Community Futures Committee as integral to the implementation of its strategy for the community, but that is unable to obtain funding from any other source. Financial cost-sharing is required for this option.

(d) The Relocation and Exploratory Assistance option provides assistance to individual workers or specified groups of workers in Community Futures communities to relocate, or to explore the possibility of relocating, where there are better employment opportunities.

(e) The Purchase of Training Courses option provides occupational training for individuals in Community Futures communities to acquire the skills needed in a changing economy and to increase their earning and employment potential.

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INDUSTRIAL ADJUSTMENT SERVICE

The Industrial Adjustment Service encourages employers and employees to work together to bring labour industrial adjustments needed because of economic and technological change within an industry, plant or other enterprise. It can provide technical, consultative and financial aid to employers and employees to assist in the development of constructive solutions to employment adjustments problems.

Eligibility

Employers and their employees, and communities such as towns, counties and villages, where both employers and employees are represented on a Joint Consultative Committee, are eligible for this Service.

Assistance

Research and advance planning to determine the specific employment implications of coming change and the private and public adjustment measures that need to be taken;

Consultation between employers and employees to allow employees to take part, through their chosen representatives, in developing adjustment plans to meet their needs;

Coordination of private and public adjustment measures to ensure that the full range of government employment programs is available to complement private measures developed by employers and employees.

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GRANTS-IN-LIEU OF TAXES

AIR CANADA

Air Canada is taxable as any other ratepayer and pays taxes in the usual manner based on municipal valuation at current tax rates.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

(1) Grants-in-lieu- of taxes will be made in respect to all Corporation-owned real property except:

- property leased by the Corporation;
- towers erected on, or equipment installed on or in, Corporation-owned real property;
- corporation-owned property leased to other parties; and
- corporation-owned staff residences.

(2) Grants will not be made in respect of:

- business taxes;
- levies or charges considered by the Corporation to be other than levies or charges relating to real property; and
- services provided to other properties in the municipality but not provided to the Corporation's property.

(3) Grants will be computed on the general and school assessment and tax rates set by the municipality, adjusted:

- as required by the exclusions specified in item 2 hereof; and
- to be, in the opinion of the Corporation, comparable to those levied on similar properties in the municipality.

(4) Taxes levied on the occupants of Corporation-owned staff residences are to be paid in full with payment to be made either by the occupant directly or by the Corporation. In the latter event, the full amount paid by the Corporation is to be recovered from the occupant.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL

The Canadian National pays grants-in-lieu of taxes on land and certain improvements in the cities, towns and rural municipalities of Nova Scotia where there is property eligible.

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Canadian National Railways
Real Estate Department
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Moncton, New Brunswick
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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES

The property of the Government of Canada is exempt from taxation under the provisions of the British North America Act, now part of the Constitution, which at Section 125 of the Act states: "No Lands or Property belonging to Canada or any Province shall be liable to Taxation." This constitutional exemption is reflected in Section 3(a) of the Assessment Act.

The federal government makes payments in lieu of taxes with respect to many of its departmental properties, under the provisions of the Municipal Grants Act. Municipalities must apply for these grants, and the Act states specifically that no right to a grant is conferred by the Act. The Municipal Grants Act is administered by the Municipal Grants Division, Public Works Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3C9.

Generally, grants are the equivalent of the taxes that would have been payable had the property been taxable, but there are exceptions to this principle. The assessment base is subject to similar privately-owned properties. The federal government does not pay grants in lieu of business occupancy or personal property taxes.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS ACT, 1980

In 1980 Parliament passed a new Municipal Grants Act and regulations which provided for a substantial enlargement and updating of the grants program, as well as changes in methods used for calculating grant amounts. As a result, nearly all federal lands and buildings became eligible for grants-in-lieu of taxes as of January 1, 1980. Some of the more important points to note are as follows:

Properties newly eligible for a 100 percent grant in 1980 include libraries, historic sites, historic parks, the Houses of Parliament, and reclaimed lands. In addition, national parks, museums, art galleries, concert halls and administrative and operational buildings on defence bases in rural areas become eligible for grants for the first time. Also properties located within the boundaries of a business improvement district are eligible for inclusion in grant claims for a special tax levy if applied to similarly classed taxable properties.

Frontage or area taxes is a term used for the first time in the 1980 Act, although grants-in-lieu of some such taxes have been paid for many years. The new Act does, however, remove restrictions against paying grants for non-capital maintenance services, for example, street-oiling provided by municipalities. Grant payments for such services - including water taxes - will be paid as part of the annual grant-in-lieu of municipal taxes. However, federal departments will continue to pay for the consumption of water, electricity, gas and other such items.

No preferential treatment for federal property is to be afforded except in very special circumstances. As of 1980, grants-in-lieu of municipal taxes are not to be based on a low or preferred municipal tax rate unless the federal property corresponds to a taxable property on which a low or preferred rate is paid.

Further, the federal government intends to eliminate virtually all service deductions from its calculations of the grant amounts except in the rare case where a municipality is either unable or unwilling to provide the same level of service to a federal property. An exception to the rule is schooling for dependent children of armed forces personnel at defence bases where the federal government either operates its own schools or has worked out alternative means of financing school services with a province or school board.

Properties still exempt from grant include Indian reserves, a few urban parklands and all federally-owned structures other than buildings. In addition, real property administered by a federal department and leased or occupied by a third party remains exempt from the grant, even when the third party itself is exempt from municipal property taxes. However, there are exceptions as follows for third party leased or occupied property, all of which are set out in the regulations.

Specifically, property under lease or occupied by a third party is eligible for grant, if owned by Her Majesty in right of Canada and leased or occupied:

- by an employee of Her Majesty or a member of the Canadian forces for domestic purposes;
- by a corporation included in Schedule III or IV of the MGA, 1980, if under the management, charge and direction of a department;
- where part of an acquisition and comprising 15 percent or more of the municipal area or value taxable property;
- immediately prior to acquisition, by a person who becomes taxable on acquisition by Her Majesty, until the term of his/her lease or occupation expires or is renegotiated;
- notwithstanding the above paragraph, if immediately prior to acquisition the property was specially assessed for frontage or area tax with respect to a local improvement, without reference the term of the lease;
- by (a) an Indian as defined in the Indian Act or an Inuit,
  (b) when used primarily by that person for residential or farming purposes and
  (c) when not forming part of an Indian Reserve;
- in Canada by a member of a visiting force for residential or military purposes;
- by a foreign government or head of a diplomatic mission of a foreign government and used as
  (a) Chancery offices of Diplomatic mission, or
  (b) official residence of head of Diplomatic mission of foreign government;
- by foreign government and used as
  (a) chancery or offices of a consular post or trade commission, or
  (b) official residence of head of consular post or trade commission of that government;

- by an international organization and used as

  (a) the chancery or offices, or

  (b) official residence of the head of a mission of that international organization; and

- by the National Arts Centre Corporation.

Property of Her Majesty leased to a corporation listed under Schedule III or IV of the Act, and under the management, charge and direction of such corporation, is to be included for grant purposes if occupied by a department.

Real Property occupied or used by a Minister of the Crown, and administered and controlled by a province is to be included for grant purposes.

The Cape Breton Development Corporation with respect to property occupied by MOT for purposes of the Canadian Coast Guard College is to be included for grant purposes.

New regulations for Crown corporations have applied to the grants-in-lieu of taxes paid directly by federal Crown corporations since January 1, 1981. In general, the grants on corporation property must be paid on the same basis as grants on federal departmental property.

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Halifax, Nova Scotia
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HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA

In all cases, municipalities should consult with the appropriate provincial government department (Health, Social Services or Education) before communicating directly with the Department of National Health and Welfare.

NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In order to stimulate and support health research, demonstration and research training projects of national interest, grants may be made available to support certain research programs undertaken by, among others, local health agencies. These programs include demonstration projects; innovative service projects; preliminary development projects; special health care programs; prevention of disease, disability and death; and community-base studies. Any interested municipality should contact the Department of Health, Halifax.

For More Information Contact:

Administrator, Community Health Services
Nova Scotia Department of Health
P.O. Box 488
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2R8

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NATIONAL WELFARE GRANTS

PURPOSE

To help improve and develop social services in order to more effectively meet social welfare needs while lessening welfare problems and dependency.

FINANCING AND OPERATION

Contributions for research, demonstration and human resource development projects are made available to provincial public welfare departments, voluntary agencies and organizations, schools of social work, research institutions and university departments. The majority of projects to which contributions are made are completely federally financed. Doctoral fellowships are also available on an annual basis to individuals.

CONDITIONS

Project contributions are not available for capital expenditures nor are they available for staff employed on a regular basis by an agency (except where additional staff are hired to compensate for the time any individual staff member devotes to a project), nor for regular ongoing operating expenses of the agency.

Project contributions are monitored by the National Welfare Grants Program staff, although actual operations are the responsibility of the organization whose project is being funded. Claims for project costs are submitted directly to the Program for processing.

PROCEDURE

Staff of the National Welfare Grants Program are available to assist agencies with identification, development, implementation and evaluation of projects.

For More Information Contact:

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National Welfare Grants Program
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INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS

CAPITAL COSTS OF SCHOOLS SERVING INDIAN STUDENTS

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, through the Indian and Inuit Affairs Division, provides some capital assistance for schools that serve a significant number of Indian children.

The legal authority of the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to enter into agreements with provincial and local school authorities for the education of Indian children is defined in the Indian Act, Section 114(1), invoked in submissions to the Governor in Council for authority to make capital contributions for the construction of provincial schools, for the payment of tuition fees, and in developing agreements with school boards.

Section 114(1) states:

The Governor in Council may authorize the Minister, in accordance with this Act, to enter into agreements on behalf of Her Majesty for the education in accordance with this Act of Indian children, with

- the government of a province,
- a public or separate school board, and
- a religious or charitable organization.

Agreements may provide for the pro rate cost-sharing of school accommodation and the operational costs of providing education for Indian pupils attending provincial schools for whom the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs has responsibility.

In actual practice Indian and Northern Affairs will enter into such agreements only when consent is given by the Indian parents whose children are involved and when representatives of the parents have been fully involved in the negotiations leading to the signing of agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Capital contributions may be made by the Department of National Defence to provincial or municipal agencies responsible for providing municipal services to National Defence establishments. The intent of the contribution is to assist in the construction of works and facilities that are required for the effective and safe operation of a Department of National Defence facility and which are in excess of those normally provided by the agency. Typical projects are road safety improvements, the connection of a Base or Station to a regional/municipal water or sewer system, the development of a regional waste disposal site, or the development of community recreational facilities such as a skating rink or swimming pool where appropriate.

The projects are funded on the basis of cost-sharing agreements, with the Department's portion expressed as a percentage of the total cost of the project. Payments are made directly to the municipality responsible for the construction project in accordance with the terms of the related agreement.

PURCHASE OR SALE OF UTILITIES

The Department may purchase from municipalities and provincial utility suppliers, the utilities and services required for the operation of departmental facilities. In other cases, in areas where no other source of supply of utilities is available, the Department may provide services such as water supply or sewage treatment to adjoining municipalities on a cost recovery basis.

Utilities and services (water, sewage, electricity, gas, and other similar miscellaneous services) are purchased in accordance with a formal contract or agreement which is subject to normal review as to rate and terms. Payment for purchases, and claims for utilities and services provided, are made directly between the municipality or public utility commission and the Canadian Forces Base or Station concerned.

For More Information Contact:

Base/Station Construction
Engineering Officer at the
Canadian Forces Base or Station concerned,

or

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National Defence Headquarters
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REVENUE CANADA

GASOLINE EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT

Section 44.16 of the Excise Tax Act states that where gasoline has been purchased by a municipality for the sole use of the purchaser and not for resale and the tax has been paid in respect of such gasoline, the Minister may, on application in writing by the purchaser to the Minister made within two years from the time the gasoline was purchased, in such form and such manner as the Minister prescribes, pay an amount equal only to that portion of the tax equal to 1.5 cents per litre.

SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

Effective April 20, 1983, the Excise Tax Act was amended to exempt goods for use as part of water distribution, sewerage and drainage systems. The amendment clarifies, that to qualify for sales tax exemption, goods acquired by a municipality must be for use directly in a water distribution, sewerage or drainage system. However, the process of cleaning and treating water to render it potable is now considered to be manufacturing or producing. Consequently, municipalities are entitled to the relevant benefits of Part XIII of Schedule III as well as those of Part XII.

Furthermore, where a building is constructed, relief from sales tax on materials used in the construction of the building is allowed only in respect to that portion of the building used to house machinery and apparatus used directly in the system. If the building also incorporates administrative offices, garage or repair shop, no relief or refund of sales tax paid on construction materials used for these portions will be allowed.

INCINERATORS OWNED OR TO BE OWNED BY A MUNICIPALITY

Section 44.28 of the Excise Tax Act reads as follows:

44.28 (1) In this section, "incinerator goods" means

(a) materials for use exclusively in the construction of, or

(b) machinery or apparatus, including equipment to be installed in a chimney or smoke stack and repair and replacement parts therefor, for use directly and exclusively in the operation of an incinerator owned, or to be owned, by a municipality and used, or to be used, primarily for the incineration of waste for the municipality. This does not include motor vehicles, attachments therefor or office equipment.

CULVERTS

A municipality may obtain culverts without payment of sales tax. Multi-purpose materials such as cement, brick, etc, required for the construction of culverts must be obtained sales tax paid. However, the municipality may recover by refund claim the sales tax paid on those materials used exclusively in the construction of culverts.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

The exemption for fire fighting equipment applies to equipment at a price in excess of $2000 per unit specially designed for use directly to extinguish fires. It covers units commonly known as fire engines and pumpers at a price in excess of $2000 (with effect from October 29, 1980) but does not include salvage and rescue units equipped at time of purchase or importation with items such as stretchers, axes, resuscitators, life nets, etc. Automobiles and ordinary motor trucks, such as van-type motor vehicles, ambulances, pick-up trucks, panel trucks, platform trucks, (unless the trucks qualify for sales tax exemption under the provisions of Section 1 of Part XVII of Schedule III which exempts trucks with a gross vehicle mass rating of 7250 kilograms or more), fire chief automobiles and station wagon are precluded form this exemption provision. This exemption is not extended to fire alarm systems, emergency power generators and items to prolong or save life such as resuscitators, inhalators life nets, life jackets, blankets, tarpaulins, rope, boats, breathing apparatus, and stretchers.

There is also an exemption for fire hose including adapters, play-pipes, Siamese connections and coupling for use with fire hose. It does not include booster hose, hose plugs and hose caps, or any valves used on hydrants or pumpers but is extended to valves used between lengths of fire hose.

FIRE TRUCK CHASSIS FOR THE PERMANENT ATTACHMENT OF
FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR USE DIRECTLY IN FIRE FIGHTING

This exemption applies to the purchase or importation of fire truck chassis and standard motor truck chassis for the permanent attachment thereon of fire fighting equipment. Reference is also made to Section 1 of Part XVII of Schedule III of the Act which exempts trucks with a gross vehicle mass rating of 7250 kilograms or more, effective November 19, 1974. However, effective February 19, 1987, the exemption for trucks, under Section 1 of Part XVII of Schedule III, is limited to "highway trucks". Examples of trucks that no longer qualify for exemption are forklift trucks and scissor trucks.

LAMINATED TIMBER BRIDGES, PRECAST CONCRETE SHAPES FOR BRIDGES
IN PUBLIC HIGHWAY SYSTEMS, STRUCTURAL STEEL AND ALUMINUM FOR BRIDGES

The above items, for use in bridges are exempt from sales tax. However, the exemption for goods used by municipalities in bridges is not applicable to all the materials necessary to construct or repair bridges. For example, cement, lumber, electric wire and condult, lighting fixtures and standards are subject to sales tax.

INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS (NOT INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, SHIPS OR
OFFICE EQUIPMENT), TO BE USED DIRECTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY TO DETECT, MEASURE, RECORD OR
SAMPLE POLLUTANTS TO WATER, SOIL OR AIR

This exemption for instruments applies only to those used directly and exclusively int he performance of the acts outlined in the exemption and includes such things as chemicals, gas and smoke detectors, analyses and recorders, effluent samplers and monitoring equipment.

TRUCK CHASSIS FOR THE PERMANENT ATTACHMENT THEREON OF EQUIPMENT,
AT A PRICE IN EXCESS OF $2000 PER UNIT, SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR USE
DIRECTLY FOR ROAD MAKING OR ROAD CLEANING.

It is the equipment that is to be attached to the chassis that must be priced in excess of $2000 per unit. When used equipment is to be attached to the truck chassis, the original or replacement cost of the equipment is to be used to determine its value. This exemption covers all truck chassis for the purpose stated regardless of gross vehicle mass. However, all trucks having a gross vehicle mass rating 7250 kilograms or more are unconditionally exempt from sales tax.

PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND PARTS

Sales tax exemption is provided for certain specified passenger transportation vehicles and parts therefore purchased or imported by municipalities for their own use and not for resale. This exemption includes vehicles such as buses, streetcars, subway and mono-rail cars. The exemption does not include vehicles designed to carry less than 12 passengers. Also included in the exemption are repair and replacement parts and equipment for installation on the tax exempt vehicles.

The exemption is also extended to purchases or importation by transit commissions and by other similar persons operating transportation systems, for or on behalf of municipalities, providing a regular scheduled service to the general public each day.

SCHEDULE 1, SECTION 13

The goods listed in Section 9 of Schedule I to the Excise Tax Act attract Tax if they fall within the provisions outlined. However, Section 13 of Schedule 1 of the said Act provides relief from Excise Tax on any goods mentioned therein when purchased or imported for police or fire fighting services. The goods listed in Section 9 of Schedule I to the Excise Tax Act are subject tot sales tax at time of purchase by a municipality. If the goods listed in Schedule 1, Section 9 of the Excise Tax Act are obtained exempt from Excise under the provisions of Section 13 to Schedule 1 and they are sold or leased, or diverted to a taxable use within five years of the time of first purchase or importation, they would become subject to excise tax in accordance with the provisions outlined in Section 27(4) to the Act.

PART XVII, SCHEDULE III, TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

As a result of declarations handed down by Tariff Board appeals Nos. 1928 and 2032, the Department reviewed our policy regarding their interpretation of trucks qualifying for exemption under Section 1 of Part XVII of Schedule III to the Excise Tax Act.

In the past, the Department restricted the meaning of the word trucks to only those vehicles designed to carry freight from one point to another. As a result, vehicles whose use was associated with the function of providing a service were held to be taxable, even if goods were carried coincidentally for use in carrying out such services.

Our interpretation has been modified. Now it is the design of the truck which is the determining factor. If a truck is designed to carry goods, we consider the word goods to have the same meaning as freight. In view of this, vehicles such as tow trucks, trucks equipped with compartmentalized utility bodies and public utility service trucks will now qualify for exemption under the provisions of Section 1 of Part XVII of Schedule III to the Excise Tax Act provided such vehicles meet the gross vehicle mass rating of 7250 kg or more.

As mentioned previously, this exemption was limited to highway trucks, effective February 19, 1987. In addition, prior to that date, parts and equipment in excess of $2,000 per unit, designed for installation in these tax exempt goods and designed to facilitate the carriage and handling of freight, also qualified for exemption under Section 8 of Part XVII. Effective February 19, 1987, this exemption was restricted to parts and equipment actually installed on such goods.

Communiques outlining these changes are available.

DIVERSIONS

Where a motor vehicle or tractor or aircraft or a machine or tool for operation by a motor vehicle or tractor or a part for an aircraft has been acquired by a municipality under tax acquisition, taxes apply on the article at the time of its sale, lease or diversion. Municipalities which trade in, sell or otherwise divert to taxable uses vehicles, tractors and other equipment as described above, for example, fire truck chassis, road cleaning or road making vehicles, tractors, snowplough attachments, etc., should contact their District Excise Office for further information.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

NATIONAL POLICE SERVICES PROGRAMS

The Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system, part of the National Police Services Programs, provides a computer-based central repository for information on stolen vehicles, license plates and parts, vehicles used in the commission of a crime, abandoned or operated by a wanted person, wanted, charged and paroled persons. The information is sorted and retrieved by police agencies using typewriter terminals connected via telecommunications lines from coast to coast.

The costs of the CPIC system are borne almost entirely by the Federal Government. The shared costs between the Provinces, municipalities and the Federal Government include only the rental of the communication lines from the provincial data switcher to the police agency offices and the rental of their terminals.

In those cases where an agreement for policing exists between the Federal Government and a Province or municipality, the percentage paid for CPIC services is the same rate that is paid for policing services.

A number of other services under National Police Services Programs such as the National Fingerprinting Program, Registration of Firearms, the Maritime Crime Detection Laboratories at Halifax, Nova Scotia and Sackville, New Brunswick, are available to accredited municipal police forces on a similar basis.

POLICE SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police provides law enforcement services to Provinces and municipalities that have requested these services. A request for policing services must be approved by the Solicitor General and by provincial or municipal authorities.

Under municipal and provincial policing agreements, the Federal Government agrees to share with the provincial and municipal authorities the cost of providing law enforcement services. The calculation of the total cost to be shared by the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments is determined through a direct costing formula which identifies the cost of policing in the Province during the previous fiscal year and applies these costs with adjustments of inflation, increases/decreases in establishment, etc. to the current billings. Billings to Provinces and municipalities are on a quarterly basis and are for services provided during the previous three-month period.

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OTHER ASSISTANCE

MARITIME TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE (MT&T)

Under the provisions of the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Act, cities, towns and municipalities are entitled to a payment by the company equal to four percent of the gross subscribers exchange services revenue generated in the municipal unit. The payment is in lieu of all taxes and assessment on the company's power lines, power poles, towers, cables, wires, conductors, conduits, main plants and other improvements and the income of the company.

The Company's other property is subject to the provisions of the Assessment Act.

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